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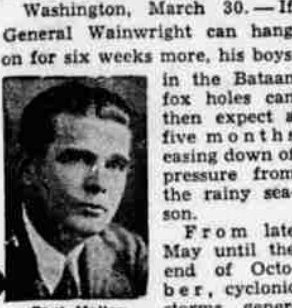
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JAPS STYMIED BY FLOOD AND LOSSES

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



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Washington, March 30.—If General Wainwright can hang on for six weeks more, his boys in the Bataan fox holes can then expect a five months easing down of pressure from the rainy season.

From late May until the end of October, cyclonic storms generally beat the Philippines, lowering visibility, ruining all save the best airfields and impeding military operations.

Official start of the rainy season is June 1, but it sometimes develops as early as May 1, and prayers are being said authoritatively here that it come as early as possible this year.

So also with the British in Burma. A northwest monsoon blows there from June to October, inclusive, making it the rainiest spot on earth.

This explains the current acceleration of the Jap attack in both places.

THE odds unfortunately are not on our side either in the Philippines or Burma. Loss of Java has made it much more difficult for us to get anything into Bataan, and the Japs are going about the attack this time with experienced appreciation that the fortress of Corregidor is the backbone of the MacArthur defense plan.

All the food and ammunition are stored there. Guns from the fort can throw shells halfway up Bataan peninsula to protect the rear flank along the shore. If it can be crippled, Bataan will be hard to hold.

THE Jap plan of attack in Burma, plus the impending monsoon season, however, carries convincing assurance that India is not within their immediate ambition. The attack is going north toward China, not toward India. It will have all it can

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Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Set at the request of the war department, a series of six Thursday broadcasts at 3:15 p. m. starts on CBS this week for a discussion of "The Things We're Fighting For." Commentators, newspapermen and Sergeant Alvin C. York will be heard.

Tonight: Blue, 6, Rep. Edith Rogers on "Women's Auxiliary Corps."

Tuesday: The war—7:45 blue, MBS; 8, MBS; 8:15, MBS; 9, CBS, MBS; 10 blue, 10:45 NBC; 11:30 blue; 12:15 p. m., CBS; 12:30 blue, 1, MBS; 1:45, CBS, MBS; 1:55 blue; 2, MBS; 3, MBS; 3:25, NBC; 3:45, CBS blue.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
School Supe E. H. Hedrick having to make a long detour after taking the wrong road at the cantonment yesterday.

Bob Littrell wondering what he could do to get mentioned in side glances.

Odell Baum and JoAnn Gardner trying to have a style show and not meeting with much success.

George Robertson wondering how he would look with an army haircut.

GUINEA DELUGE FORCES INVADER BACK 27 MILES

Growing Strength of Yankee-Australian Air Team Menaces Sea Communications

By Clyde A. Farnsworth
Associated Press War Editor
Japan, seemingly stymied in her drive toward Australia by floods in New Guinea and mounting losses of warships and planes, is making Burma her main battleground and there also, by today's reports, the going has become harder.

The ferocity of the Burma drive might be accounted for as part of a determined gamble for position there at the gateway to India for an all-out Indian offensive depending on India's assent to Britain's offer of post-war freedom in return for full war assistance now.

Chinese Stage Counter
Chinese veterans on the eastern (Toungoo) wing of the Burma line were reported today to have recaptured several small villages from the invader in a counter-thrust launched yesterday. Fighting in close quarters, the Chinese seized mortars, heavy guns, horses and other material. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

To the west, British imperial forces had taken a battle stand about 30 miles south of Prome. On the invasion are north of Australia, the Japanese made a 27-mile withdrawal in New Guinea from Markham valley bases, ahead of floods rolling down the mountain sides, while their footholds and sea communications were menaced by the growing strength of the American-Australian air team.

Japanese airmen struck at Darwin, on the northern Australian mainland, this afternoon while one bomber and three navy fighter planes ineffectually raided Port Moresby, New Guinea capital and defense base south of the Markham valley.

Jap Losses Heavy
Australia's Air Minister, A. S. Drakeford, said that one-tenth of Japan's cruiser strength had been crippled in the battle of the approaches and that in recent weeks the Japanese had lost 48 bombers and fighters, in addition to at least 15 damaged.

On a third front in the southwest Pacific—Bataan peninsula, in the Philippines—Japanese attacks were reported today to have dwindled to patrol actions after repulse of the enemy offensive with heavy losses. The aerial pounding of the fortified island of Corregidor, continued, however, said a Washington communique.

WEST COAST JAPS MUST WAIT MOVE

San Francisco, March 30.—(AP)—Their last chance gone for voluntary evacuation, more than 100,000 west coast Japanese were "frozen" to their home communities today.

A drastic new army order requires them to remain where they are until the army moves them further inland.

The "freezing" edict, violators of which are subject to severe penalties, covers all Japanese living in military area No. 1—coastal areas approximately 150 miles deep in Washington, Oregon and California, and the southern part of Arizona.

227 JAPANESE LEAVE BAINBRIDGE HOMES

Seattle, March 30.—(AP)—Today was moving day for 227 alien and American born Japanese who have been resident on Bainbridge island, and by night fall the entire group is to be headed for the Mazatlan, California, evacuation center.

The movement, result of an order by the western defense command, has as its object the complete evacuation of all Japanese from the island, close to the Puget Sound naval yard.

Australian Chief



General Sir Thomas Blamey (above), has been appointed commander-in-chief of all Allied land forces in Australia under General Douglas MacArthur.

NAZI DESTROYER LOST IN ATTACK ON RED CONVOY

By the Associated Press
The war that Adolf Hitler started on the Polish frontier 31 months ago was today a tangled contest of sea and air power in western Europe and the Mediterranean basin, and, above all, an effort to break the deadlock on the 2,000-mile Russian front.

On the blizzard-swept Arctic seaway to Murmansk, the Germans acknowledged that one of the fuchers' precious destroyers went down in battle with a convoy to Russia but claimed the sinking of a 10,000-ton transport loaded with tanks and munitions.

Once more in Libya, fighting columns of the British imperials struck into German and Italian positions behind the Tmimi-El Mechill line. In these Saturday night forays, it was said, highly mobile field guns were turned on axis positions.

Rome reported large air battles over Libya and claimed for German fighter planes destruction of four British aircraft and new bombing raids on Tobruk and Malta were reported.

The blows of Britain's spring-time aerial offensive fell last night on German shipping off the Norwegian coast.

The London air ministry said later that the actions covered the coast of Denmark, too, and that a German supply ship was torpedoed and probably sunk while a smaller ship was set afire.

CCC LIQUIDATION DECLARED FOLLY

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—The director of the civilian conservation corps told a senate committee today that it would be a "tremendous indictment against our nation's common sense" to abolish the CCC and "then build up some other organization that would have to do the same things the corps is doing today."

Joining Major Gen. James A. Ulio, the adjutant general, in a plea for continuance of the corps, Director James J. McEntee declared that to abandon it would be "the height of folly."

Ban Manufacture of Many Electrical Gadgets

INCREASE IN PAY FOR FIGHTING MEN VOTED IN SENATE

Legislation Giving Buck Privates \$42, Others Accordingly, Goes to House.

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Legislation increasing monthly pay of army "buck" privates from \$21 to \$42 and making adjustments in pay and allowances for other personnel in the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, geodetic survey and public health service was passed today by the senate.

The measure, which now goes to the house, was designed to establish equality of pay in the ranks of the army and navy, re-adjusting the base remuneration of all personnel up to and including second lieutenants.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), manager for the bill, said the additional cost to the government, based on the size of the army last January 1, would be \$282,412,000 annually.

Under terms of the measure, enlisted men and selectees would start drawing \$42 monthly pay when they were inducted into the army, instead of receiving only \$21 for the first four months.

Increases for enlisted men under the bill would make their pay range from \$42 for the lowest rank to \$138 for the highest—master sergeant in the army or chief petty officer in the navy. The present pay scale runs from \$21 to \$126.

Senators Advised to Stiffen Backbone On Union Labor Problem

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) told his colleagues today that if they failed to face the problem of disturbed labor conditions in war industries "somebody else is going to bring it up in the forum called the ballot box."

Arguing for consideration of his bill which would freeze working conditions in war plants taken over by the government, Connally shouted that "the senate ought to have courage enough to face some of these problems with a vote."

"I am no labor hater," the Texas senator continued, "but in this emergency I don't think anybody is exempt from sacrifice. I don't propose that we shall create any aristocracy of labor leaders."

"Most of labor wants to work, but they are hijacked by a few labor czars who order them around."

PHOTO SHOWS DAMAGE IN ST. NAZAIRE RAID

London, March 30.—(AP)—Photographs taken after Saturday's British commando raid on the Nazi base at St. Nazaire showed today that the lock gate was missing and that one of two ships in the basin was listing, British authorities said.

MECHANICAL DOOR KILLS 5-YEAR-OLD WILLIAM BARKER

Fatal Skull Fracture Caused by Blow From Descending Apparatus in Garage.

William A. Barker, Jr., five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barker of 614 Park street, was accidentally killed about noon today when he pulled down the mechanical door of his parents' garage while playing in the yard, the door striking him on the head and fracturing his skull.

A physician was hurriedly summoned by the tot's grief-stricken mother, who discovered the tragedy, but the boy was dead on his arrival.

There will be no inquest, the district attorney's office announced. Peril's funeral home is in charge of funeral arrangements, and a complete obituary will be published tomorrow.

Klamath Autoists in Hospital Following North Highway Crash

Carl Lester Rich and his daughter, Josephine, 16, of Klamath Falls were painfully injured early Sunday morning when their machine collided at the Beall lane, Pacific highway junction with a vehicle driven by Glenn A. Palmer of Central Point.

Both are confined in the community hospital. Rich is said to be suffering from a number of broken ribs and a cracked shoulder blade. Miss Rich is said to have a fractured wrist and bad cut on her forehead.

The third occupant of the machine, Mrs. Harriet Rich, was uninjured. Palmer and his wife received minor lacerations.

State police quoted Palmer as saying that his brakes failed to work as he approached the highway from Beall lane. Both machines were badly damaged, police reported.

NEW WAR COUNCIL FOR PACIFIC AREA

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Creation of a new Pacific war council, giving representation to Australia and New Zealand in consideration of war problems, was announced today by the White House. President Roosevelt called the first meeting for Wednesday.

Canada, Great Britain and China, along with the United States, also will be represented. In announcing the council, Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement:

"It is imperative that all of the United Nations now actively engaged in the Pacific conflict consider together matters of policy relating to our joint war effort."

"An effective war can only be prosecuted with the complete cooperation and understanding of all the nations concerned. The new council will be in intimate contact with a similar body in London."

Indian Leaders Debate Dominion Status Offer

New Delhi, March 30.—(AP)—Indian leaders debated in secret tonight proposals to grant the great subcontinent dominion status after the war, even as Sir Stafford Cripps appealed to the 390,000,000 people of India for acceptance of the plan.

"Our proposals are definite and precise," the British war cabinet member said in a radio address. "If they are rejected nothing can be done until after the war."

The executive committees of the All-India National Congress chief political party of the Hindu population, and the Moslem league deliberated the proposals at such length that it appeared unlikely that decisions would be reached until later in the week.

Sir Stafford continued to interview individual leaders including the premier of Bengal and Dr. Ghimrao Ramji Ambedkar, leader of India's 50,000,000 untouchables—the lowest Hindu caste.

In the congress and in some other circles, disappointment was expressed over Sir Stafford Cripps' announcement that the defense of the teeming subcontinent must remain in Britain's hands during the war.

Sir Stafford, explaining to the Indian people the proposals he has laid before their leaders in a week of conferences, broadcast tonight a speech in which he said that "the British people wished to give India the same constitution as Great Britain."

Insurgent Democrats Planning Opposition For Senator McNary

Salem, March 30.—(AP)—Insurgent democrats are expected today to provide a candidate to oppose Senator McNary, republican, in this year's election.

Dr. MacBeth A. Milne, Portland, dentist, meeting with the group at McMinnville Saturday night, said he would file for the democratic nomination if no other candidate appeared before the Monday deadline.

Leading democrats have urged that McNary, republican leader in the senate and vice-presidential candidate in 1940, be unopposed for re-election.

Lyman Ross, Aloha democrat, also announced at the meeting he would file for congress in Oregon's first district, where James W. Mott, republican incumbent, is unopposed.

Numbers Listed By Draft Board No. 2

Fitting of order numbers to serial numbers for men who registered February 16 is well under way by selective service board No. 2, which serves all of Jackson county outside of Medford. A total of 1416 registrants between the ages of 20 to 44 years, will be given order numbers. A portion of the names are published today and additional names will be published daily until the list is completed.

In the following list the serial number is first, the order number next:

11116 T-1	Colby, Lionel A.	10038 T-31	Tresham, Jesse D.
10797 T-2	Tye, Alfred L.	11313 T-32	Pilkington, W. B.
10506 T-3	Lucier, Henry T.	10078 T-33	Clinger, K. G.
11165 T-4	Fredenburg, Jas. R.	10381 T-34	Bousman, H. R.
11311 T-5	Doe, James H.	11038 T-35	Clark, J. F.
11127 T-6	Ryan, John S.	11001 T-36	Worden, James L.
10468 T-7	Overstreet, Shelby	10964 T-37	Harris, Ray A.
10309 T-8	Young, Albert	11102 T-38	Davis, Albert D.
10858 T-9	Cox Ernest J.	10215 T-39	Turpin, Wayne M.
10883 T-10	Ash, Lowell W.	10129 T-40	Littrell, E. A.
11087 T-11	St. John, Orville V.	10841 T-41	Pike, Leroy E.
11322 T-12	Kirsch, John F.	10815 T-42	Young, George E.
10923 T-13	Ramp, Charles A.	11362 T-43	Leathco, Charles D.
10434 T-14	Haynes, Lyle P.	11050 T-44	Hammersmith, L.
10864 T-15	McCoy, Charles E.	11255 T-45	Misenheimer, R.
11318 T-16	Labart, Melvin M.	11145 T-46	Kelling, Dale L.
10570 T-17	McClelland, C.	11133 T-47	Paris, Warren G.
11353 T-18	St. John, Glenn O.	11320 T-48	Pech Robert D.
10423 T-19	Swing, Clarence J.	10278 T-49	Minear, Donald M.
10235 T-20	Beard, Percy J.	11070 T-50	Lind, Chester
10783 T-21	Chastain, Eldon L.	10175 T-51	Lindquist, K. E. A.
11251 T-22	Shough, Wm. M.	11404 T-52	Fairweather, F. R.
11144 T-23	Emmers, Earl	10091 T-53	Tant, Kirby J.
10306 T-24	Haines, Harold P.	10028 T-54	Onn, Clyde
10180 T-25	Madden, Robert E.	10056 T-55	Bogart, Orville R.
10156 T-26	Folkenberg, C. L.	10905 T-56	Davis, Elmer Van
10952 T-27	Wicker, James A.	10881 T-57	Michaels, Ray H.
10889 T-28	Wilcox, Louis F.		
11049 T-29	Leabo, Pliny		
11158 T-30	Winkelman, A. A.		

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CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL METALS IS AIM OF ORDER

Toasters, Waffle Irons, Percolators Among Manufactures Halted May 31.

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Manufacture of a long list of household electrical appliances—including toasters, waffle irons, roasters, grills, percolators, cigarette lighters and dry shavers—was ordered today by the government to be halted completely on May 31, except on orders having a high military priority rating.

About 50 appliances, in wide domestic and commercial use, were covered by the sweeping decree of the war production board. The use of critical materials in these items was banned at once, in a provision forbidding the use of tin, steel, copper or aluminum that was not already in process of manufacture at the moment the order was issued.

To Save Metals
The order is intended to conserve critical metals and speed conversion of the \$60,000,000 industry—which employs more than 20,000 workers in 200 plants—into war production.

Affected by the action, in addition to the appliances already named are table stoves, portable heaters, food mixers, juice extractors, dishwashing equipment, hair dryers, permanent wave equipment, hair clippers, heating equipment for new electric ranges, water heaters and radiating heaters.

Additional articles raising the total to 50 are mentioned in the order, but WPB said the list was "not intended to be exhaustive," because production is prohibited of any electrical appliance meeting this definition:

"Any domestic or commercial appliances which have as functional parts electric heating elements of a total rated wattage of not more than 2,500 watts or powered by an electrical vibrator, or electrical fractional horsepower motor."

CAPITAL DIGS OUT OF RECORD SNOW

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Washington dug out today from its heaviest March snowfall of record to count thousands of its trees broken or felled and many power lines disrupted by the unusual weather but no serious accidents were reported.

The snow fell Saturday night and most of yesterday, reaching a general depth of 15 to 18 inches though the weather bureau officially listed the depth as eight inches in downtown sectors.

CONFIDENCE NEEDED
Tulsa, Okla., March 30.—(AP)—Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., republican national chairman, said today the first requisite to winning the war is the spirit of confidence and victory in the whole nation.

War Bulletins

London, March 30.—(AP)—The loss of the cruiser Naia was announced tonight.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, March 30.—(AP)—The Riom trial of persons accused of responsibility for France's defeat is to be suspended from April 2 to April 25. It is doubtful whether it will be resumed.

London, March 30.—(AP)—The Vichy radio was heard broadcasting a report today that Kharkov, the great steel city in the Donets basin, had been encircled by the Red army.